

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-17 (Cancelled).

18. (presently amended) A device for administering an injectable product from a reservoir, through a dispensing means, and into a tissue of a patient, the device comprising:

a casing for holding the reservoir;

a suction chamber connected to the casing and adapted to abut against the tissue, the dispensing means terminating within the suction chamber;

a piston pump comprising a cylinder, a piston, a piston rod, and a lock, a pressure side being provided on one side of the piston and a suction side being provided on the other side of the piston, wherein the piston rod may be operated to displaces the piston within the cylinder to create ~~a volume within the cylinder having~~ a state of reduced pressure within the cylinder, and wherein the lock is adapted to lock the piston in place to maintain the state of reduced pressure;

a passage interconnecting the suction chamber to the ~~volume~~ reduced pressure; and

a cut-off valve located along the passage and adapted to isolate the suction chamber from the ~~volume~~ reduced pressure,

wherein, after abutting the suction chamber against the tissue of the patient, the cut-off valve may be opened, thereby placing ~~causes the cut-off valve to open, which places~~ the suction chamber and ~~volume~~ the reduced pressure in fluid communication, ~~thereby~~ causing a state of reduced pressure within the suction chamber and bringing the tissue in contact with the dispensing means.

19. (previously presented) The device of claim 18 further comprising a delivery means adapted to cause the injectable product to travel from the reservoir, through the dispensing means, and into the tissue.

20. (previously presented) The device of claim 18 wherein a longitudinal axis of the cylinder runs parallel and adjacent to a longitudinal axis of the casing.
21. (presently amended) The device of claim 18 wherein the lock is located on the piston rod.
22. (presently amended) The device of claim 21 further comprising a lock associated with the cylinder, wherein the lock located on the piston rod and the lock associated with the cylinder are adapted to lock together.
23. (previously presented) The device of claim 22 wherein the dispensing means is a needle.
24. (withdrawn) A method for administering an injectable product from a reservoir, through a dispensing means, and into a tissue of a patient, wherein the reservoir is held by a casing connected to a suction chamber, and the dispensing means terminates within the suction chamber, the method comprising:
- displacing a piston within a cylinder to create a volume within the cylinder having a state of reduced pressure;
 - locking the piston in place to maintain the state of reduced pressure;
 - abutting the suction chamber against the tissue;
 - opening a cut-off valve to place the volume and suction chamber in fluid communication, thereby creating a state of reduced pressure within the suction chamber and bringing the tissue in contact with the dispensing means.
25. (withdrawn) The method of claim 24 wherein the cut-off valve is opened by fully abutting the suction chamber against the tissue.
26. (withdrawn) The method of claim 24 wherein the piston is displaced by a rod and locked in place by a lock associated with the rod.

27. (withdrawn) The method of claim 26 wherein the piston is locked in place by interlocking the lock associated with the rod with a lock associated with the cylinder.

28. (withdrawn) The method of claim 24 further comprising causing the injectable product to travel from the reservoir, through the dispensing means, and into the tissue.